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Today, EPA released a final report of dioxin in the U.S. for the years 1987, 1995 and 2000. The EPA announcement is pasted below. The report suggests that, as of 2000, backyard residential waste burning is the largest source of dioxin compounds in the U.S.

More information and EPA's full report are available on EPA's website at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=159286>

EPA announcement: EPA announces the release of the final report, an inventory of sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds in the United States for the years 1987, 1995 and 2000. This is a comprehensive evaluation of sources and emissions of dioxins (CDDs), dibenzofurans (CDFs) and coplanar PCBs to the air, land and water of the U.S. The inventory suggests that there has been a 90% reduction in environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds from all sources combined between the years 1987 and 2000, and that the open burning of residential refuse in backyard burn barrels is currently the largest source of these chemicals.